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April 6, 1951

Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
2430 E Street Northwest  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Allen:

I enclose the three forms which you provided me, filled in. I am sorry that it has taken so long to get this done, but my office has been overwhelmed with work lately, and typing each one separately required more time than I could with good conscience subtract from the work of the Association. I hope that this delay has done no harm.

Naturally my acquaintance with the work you are engaged in is very limited, but from what I have gathered, and from what I imagine I accurately surmise is its nature, I am intensely interested and feel that I could bring to it enough experience of various kinds to make a real contribution, and to play a real part.

On the form I have indicated, as required, a minimum salary, but I also added a comment that I should like to discuss this particular point in any subsequent interviews that may develop. I must say that it would undoubtedly be a set of very special circumstances which would induce me to take less, but I do not wish to take an inflexible stand on the subject. The same comment applies to the matter of location. I should much prefer to work in Washington and travel "occasionally", to employ the word appearing on the form, but there again I am certainly prepared to discuss this particular point if and when it may become necessary to do so.

Because this matter is still in a rather tentative and exploratory phase, both for your agency and myself, I have not discussed it at all in this office, and I should like very much indeed to be informed in advance of any inquiries that will be made here so that this whole matter will not be suddenly burst, with no warning, within this Association. I have not mentioned it only because I see no good reason to bring it up before it reaches a far more definite status than is now the case.

I imagine that the check on all the details of the forms requires considerable time, but if you can appropriately, I shall be most grateful for any indication from you as to the possibility of anything developing. Perhaps you would prefer to discuss this with me some weekend when you are in New York. My home address and telephone number are on the form.

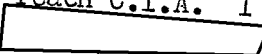
I appreciate very much your sparing me the time you did and it was, as always, a great pleasure to see you and to talk with you again.

Cordially yours,

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P.S.

I am sending this copy to you here in New York in the thought that you may thus have your eye out for the documents when they reach C.I.A. I shall be in town this weekend  if, entirely at your discretion, you wish to call me.

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